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Uttar Pradesh	1. Auraiya CCPP St. II (650 MW) —NTPC District Auraiya	TEC given on 30.11.1998
Gujarat	1. Kawas CCGT St. II (650 MW), —NTCP District Surat.	TEC given on 19.8.1998
	2. Jhanor Gandhar CCGT St. II (650 MW)—NTPC —District Bharuch	TEC given on 12.11.1998
Tamil Nadu	1. Kovilkalappal CCPP (107.88 MW)—TNEB District Thiruvavur.	Under Examination.

#### **Investment in Transmission and Distribution Projects**

1967. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after a decade of liberalized regime both Government and investors in the power sector have concentrated on only generation projects while transmission and distribution projects awaited investments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that privatisation of distribution is expected to reduce the distribution losses;

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(e) what are the plans to bring investments in this sector and improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The lower investment in power transmission and distribution has primarily been on account of constraints in the availability of funds. The enactment of Electricity Law (Amendment) Act, 1998 (Act No. 22 of 1998) and the initiation of the reforms and restructuring in power sector, enabling investment from private sector in the field of transmission and distribution are expected to result in greater investment and efficiency in this area and in reduction of transmission and distribution losses in the States.

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. as the Central Transmission Utility has identified the Transmission system for evacuation of power from Tala Hydro-electric Project in Bhutan (1020 MW) for execution through Joint Venture arrangements and for this purpose POWERGRID is setting up a Joint Venture Company. POWERGRID has also identified projects to be taken up with 100% equity participation from the private investors as Independent Power Transmission Company (IPTC). The IPTC will be selected on the basis of tariff based bidding.

The decision in respect of privatisation of distribution systems has to be taken by the appropriate agencies in\_ the States. Government of Orissa have recently privatised distribution sector in the State.

#### **Power Situation**

1968. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that at the cross-country power distribution accounts for only one per cent of the total power generation;
- (b) if so, what are the implications, considering the regional concentration of Thermal and Hydel thermal resources;
- (c) whether any proposal exists to improve the situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Out of 4,89,911 MU of the power generated in the country in 1999-2000, 1,81,033 MU were generated by the central generating stations, which accounts for 37.71% of the total generation. The bulk of this generation is transmitted across the boundaries of the States within the region where the generating stations are located. The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID) implements the evacuation of power from central generating stations to all beneficiary States across the country.